

applying a primer layer of a coating composition which is electrically conductive in the stoved state without spraying onto an electrically conductive substrate and stoving said primer layer;

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Cont'd electrophoretically depositing a second coating layer of an electrophoretically depositable coating composition and stoving said second coating layer; and

bonding a thermoplastic film directly on the second coating layer using an adhesive to form a third coating layer of the protective and decorative laminar coating;

wherein said thermoplastic film, either alone or in conjunction with the second coating layer, determines the decorative effect of the laminar coating.

F2 9. (Twice Amended) A decorative laminar coating obtained using the process of claim 1.

10. (Twice Amended) A three-dimensional substrate provided with a decorative laminar coating obtained according to claim 1.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.

Please enter new claims 12-19 as follows:

F3 12. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of a hot-melt adhesive, an aqueous dispersion adhesive, and a solvent-based adhesive.

13. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is self-adhesive.

14. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film has a thickness of between 20 and 200 μ m.

15. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is opaque.

16. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is transparent.

17. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film is pigmented.

18. (New) The process of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic film is translucent.

19. (New) A substrate coating consisting of:

an electrically conductive first primer layer;

an electrophoretically deposited second coating layer; and

a thermoplastic film bonded to the electrophoretically deposited second coating layer with an adhesive.